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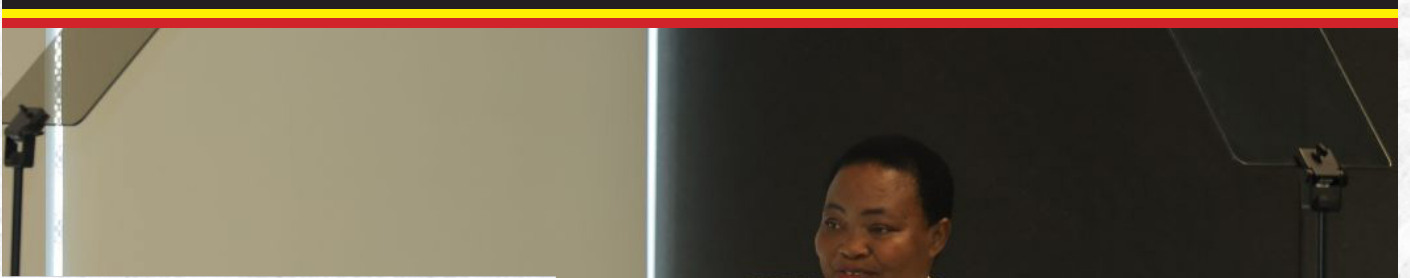
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Prime Minister of Uganda, Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, delivered a Key Note address to a gathering of government officials, diplomats, academics, policymakers and scholars from the UAE and Africa at the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy, Abu Dhabi. The Prime Minister, who attended the 3rd UAE- Uganda Business Forum this week in Abu Dhabi and in Dubai 28th – 30th October 2024 under the theme “Unlocking New Horizons for

Economic Prosperity.”

This annual event, organized by the Uganda Embassy in Abu Dhabi and the Uganda Consulate General in Dubai, aims to attract foreign direct investment, promote Uganda’s exports to the UAE, encourage tourism, facilitate technology transfers, and mobilize the Ugandan diaspora for development.

Uganda’s Prime Minister, Robinah Nabbanja, officially opened the forum on behalf of President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. In her keynote address, she highlighted the strong bilateral relations between Uganda and the UAE, emphasizing the significant trade and investment partnerships that have developed over the years. She noted that in 2023, Uganda exported goods worth US\$2.03 billion to the UAE, making it Uganda’s largest export destination. Additionally, UAE companies have invested over US\$3 billion in Uganda across various sectors, including energy, infrastructure, healthcare, agribusiness, oil and gas, manufacturing, construction, real estate, and tourism.

The forum aligns with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), notably: SDG 8: (decent work and economic growth); SDG 9: (industry, innovation, and infrastructure) and SDG 17: (partnerships for the goals).

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The Rt. Hon Prime Minister of Uganda Robinah Nabbanja while opening the Uganda- UAE Business Forum on 28th October 2024 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

academics, policymakers and scholars from the UAE and Africa at the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy, Abu Dhabi.

The Prime Minister was accompanied to her meetings by Ambassador of the Republic of Uganda to the United Arab Emirates H.E. Zaake Kibedi, Representative of the Permanent Secretary MoFA, Amb. Santa Mary Laker-Kinyera, and Head of Public Diplomacy, Margaret Kafeero.



The Prime Minister of Uganda wins prestigious Africa Continental Award

Uganda’s Prime Minister Rt. Hon Robinah Nabbanja was announced as a co-winner of the African Female Leader of the Year, a category of the African Leadership Magazine Awards, in recognition of her leadership as Prime Minister of Uganda and her commitment towards driving the Country’s socio-economic development and advancing key national priorities.

Nabbanja who is also the Kakumiro Woman Member of Parliament had been selected by the UK based Non-Governmental Organization ‘The African Leadership organization’ to compete with three others for the African Female Leader of the year 2024 award where she emerged victorious.

This prestigious continental award, in its various categories, was previously won by President Julius Maada Bio of Sierra Leone, President Lazarus Chakwera of Malawi, former President of Tanzania Jakaya Kikwete, Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank (AFDB), Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus Director General WHO, Sudanese Businessman Mo Ibrahim, Founder of the Ibrahim Prize for leadership among others.

In September, 2024, the Rt. Hon Prime Minister Robinah Nabbanja scooped the Global Women Leadership Award in New York. The Global Women Leadership Award is an annual award conferred by the Centre of Economic and Leadership Development based in the United Kingdom.





**Dr. Albert Byamugisha,
Head of the National SDG Secretariat
in the Office of the Prime Minister**

As we start this year 2025, I extend my heartfelt wishes for a prosperous New Year 2025. 2024 was marked by significant strides towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Uganda, thanks to our collective efforts and commitment.

Key achievements in 2024:

1. Third Voluntary National Review (VNR):

In July 2024, Uganda presented its third VNR at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum, showcasing our progress and reaffirming our dedication to the 2030 Agenda. Read full report via: <https://sdgs.opm.go.ug/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Ugandas-VNR-Report-2024-WBV.pdf>

2. Leave No One Behind Report:

We launched this report, emphasizing our commitment to inclusive development and ensuring that every Ugandan benefits from sustainable progress.

Read full report via:

<https://sdgs.opm.go.ug/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Ugandas-Leave-No-One-Behind-Report-2024-Web-Verseion.pdf>

3. SDG data fact sheet:

This publication provided comprehensive data on 127 indicators, enhancing transparency and informed decision-making in our SDG journey. Download to read the data fact sheet via:

<https://sdgs.opm.go.ug/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/SDG-VNR-FACT-SHEET-2024-PV.pdf>

4. Third Annual SDG Conference:

Held in June 2024 at Speke Resort Munyonyo, this conference brought together stakeholders to discuss and strategize on SDG localization and service delivery mechanisms for national development.

5. Localization of the Pact for the Future:

Uganda adopted the Pact for the Future and its



annexes, including the Digital Compact and the Declaration for Future Generations, aligning our national strategies with global commitments. Read the adopted Pact for the Future via:

<https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4061879?v=pdf>

6. Progress on each SDG:

We have made notable advancements across all 17 SDGs, with increased data points facilitating better tracking and accountability.

7. Mainstreaming SDGs in NDP IV:

The SDGs have been integrated into the ongoing development of the Fourth National Development

Plan (NDP IV), ensuring alignment with our national development agenda.

8. Preparations for the eleventh session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-11):

We commenced preparatory activities for hosting the Eleventh Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-11), scheduled for April 2025 in Kampala. Read more from the ARFSD-11 webpage: English: <https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/arfsd2025> and French: <https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/fr/arfsd2025>

2025 will also see a number of initiatives towards delivery on SDGs. It will, among others, present an exciting opportunity as Uganda hosts ARFSD-11 from April 9 to 11, 2025, at the Speke Resort Convention Centre, Munyonyo under the theme “Driving job creation and economic growth through sustainable, inclusive, science-and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.”

These accomplishments are a testament to the dedication and collaboration of various stakeholders, including government ministries, departments and agencies, civil society organizations, the private sector, youth and women groups, local governments, the media, development partners such as the United Nations, and individuals committed to driving the 2030 Agenda forward. A happy new year 2025.



Warm regards,
Albert Byamugisha (PhD)
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National SDG Secretariat
Office of the Prime Minister, Republic of Uganda



11th ARFSD

Eleventh Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

9 - 11 April 2025
Kampala, Uganda



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Dates
06th - 11th April 2025

Pre-events and side events
06th - 08th April 2025

Main Segments & Exhibitions
09th - 11th April 2025

Venue
Commonwealth Covention Centre,
Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda

Working Languages
English . Arabic . French . Sign Language

Format
Hybrid

- The Government of Uganda and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in collaboration with the African Union Commission, African Development Bank, the organizations of the United Nations System and other stakeholders, will host the Eleventh Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-11) in April 2025.
- The forum will be officiated by H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda.
- The forum will bring together 2000 participants including Heads of State, Ministers, Policymakers, Government officials, experts from intergovernmental organizations, private sector representatives, civil society organizations, African Union officials, African Development Bank, UN Agencies, International development partners, Ministries, Departments, Agencies, and Local Governments.

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The forum will be officiated by H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda. The forum will gather high-level officials including the Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations, experts, and key stakeholders

from across Africa and beyond, including government ministers, the private sector, civil society, academic institutions, and international organizations.



The Rt. Hon Prime Minister of Uganda Robinah Nabbanja while launching the Preparatory activities of the ARFSD-11 on 4th September 2024 at the Conference Hall, Office of the President, Kampala

Preparations for the forum are in high gear. To organize the forum, the political Committee was formed and is chaired by the Rt. Hon Prime Minister, (The members of this committee include the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Works and Transport, Ministry of Water and Environment, Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology, and Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives.

The National Organizing Committee is chaired by the Permanent Secretary Office of the Prime Minister and comprises subcommittees which include; technical subcommittee, the Finance, Logistics and resource mobilization subcommittee, the Transport subcommittee, Exhibitions subcommittee, Accommodation and Welfare subcommittee, Health subcommittee, Accreditation subcommittee, Communications and documentation subcommittee, Security and Protocol subcommittee, Tourism subcommittee, IT subcommittee, VISA subcommittee and Entertainment subcommittee.





The second scoping mission for the **11th Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-11)** was conducted from **December 8–13, 2024**, in Kampala, Uganda.

This mission, jointly coordinated by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Government of Uganda, and the UN Country Team

(UNCT), marked a step in finalizing preparations for the Forum, scheduled to take place in April 2025 at the Speke Resort Munyonyo.

The mission aimed to consolidate logistical and substantive aspects of the Forum, ensuring alignment across stakeholders.



Dr Albert Byamugisha, Head of the SDG Secretariat, while chairing an entry meeting for the Second ARFSD-11 scoping mission on 9th December 2024.



Ms. Harriet Kiiza from the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities while presenting during the ECA 2nd scoping Mission meeting on 10th December 2024.



(L-R): Mr. Pascal Byarugaba Programme Specialist Office of the Prime Minister, Dr. Nasim Oulmane Acting Director TCND at ECA, and Mr. Alhagi Marong, Secretary of the Commission at ECA during a meeting with the members of the ARFSD-11 organizing committee on 10th December 2024.



Members of the delegation from the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) pose for a photo with staff from the National SDG Secretariat Office of the Prime Minister on 9th December 2024 ahead of the scoping mission.

Interface Meeting Of The Uganda Gender Consortium On SDGs Hosted By The Uganda NGO Forum

Since 2016, FOWODE has coordinated and convened the Uganda Gender Consortium on SDGs (UGCS), a platform that monitors the components of gender equality in the SDGs at the local, national and regional levels. In partnership with the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), the work of UGCS directly feeds into the domestication of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.



Mr. Pascal Byarugaba from the SDG Secretariat - Office of the Prime Minister, while giving remarks at the interface meeting of the Uganda Gender Consortium on SDGs 15th October 2024



On 15th October 2024, FOWODE held an interface meeting at Eureka Hotel to foster strategic dialogue between civil society and government. The meeting was attended by 23 members of UGCS and the National SDG Secretariat Office of the Prime Minister.

A key objective of the meeting was to develop actionable strategies for collaboration ahead of the upcoming 11th African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-11) that Uganda will host.



CSO representatives committed to actively engage in activities that support the SDGs, particularly in relation to the upcoming ARFSD-11 Forum. FOWODE believes that sustained focus and engagement on national, regional and international gender equality commitments, including those contained in the 17 SDGs, will strongly enhance accountability by the government and culminate into the transformation of the lives of women ensuring that “No one is left behind”.

The interface meeting with the Uganda Gender Consortium on SDGs while in session on 15th October 2024 at Eureka Hotel in Kampala

Post Summit Of The Future Symposium



The Post-Summit of the Future Symposium was convened on 28th November, 2024 at Onomo Hotel in Kampala by the SDG Secretariat - Office of the Prime Minister in Uganda with support GIZ Civil Society Support Programme (CUSP) which is co-funded by the German Cooperation and the European Union. The aim was to explore ways by which Uganda can align with and localize the principles and action commitments of the Pact within national frameworks and how to strengthen national efforts toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Hon Robert Kasule, Head Prime Minister's Delivery Unit (PMDU), giving opening remarks on behalf of the Permanent secretary at the Post summit of the Future Symposium at Onomo Hotel on 28th November 2024





Mr. Phillip Roussel - Deputy Head of German Development Cooperation- Uganda while giving welcome remarks.

The participants in the Post-Summit of the Future Symposium included; representatives from the Office of the Prime Minister, Key Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and NGOs, Development Partners, Academia and Research Institutions, Private Sector Representatives, Media and Youth.

The Summit for the Future provided a platform for nations to adopt the Pact for the Future, a comprehensive global framework addressing peace, sustainable development, climate change, digital cooperation, human rights, and equity. For Uganda, the summit was an opportunity to reaffirm its alignment with global and regional frameworks, including Vision 2040, the National Development Plans (NDPs), and Agenda 2063, while ensuring the voices of future generations and youth were prioritized. Key outcomes of the Summit, such as the **Global Digital Compact, the Declaration on Future Generations, and the New Agenda for Peace**, underline Uganda's need to fast-track sustainable development. These frameworks emphasize the need for intergenerational equity, technological innovation, and climate resilience, all of which resonate strongly with Uganda's national priorities. Read the adopted Pact for the Future via <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4061879?v=pdf>

The Post-Summit Symposium is strategically designed to build on these commitments by:

- i. Developing actionable strategies for implementing the Pact for the Future across Uganda's key sectors.
- ii. Engaging diverse stakeholders; including government, private sector, development partners, and civil society; to foster inclusive partnerships.

iii. Defining a monitoring and evaluation framework to assess Uganda's progress toward meeting the Pact's goals.

iv. Strengthening synergies between the Summit outcomes and existing frameworks such as the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD).

The Uganda Post-Summit Symposium delivered a clear implementation framework for integrating the Pact for the Future into Uganda's development policies. The outcomes will contribute to accelerated poverty eradication, enhanced digital cooperation, and strengthened climate resilience.



Panelists during the Panel discussion at the Post Summit of the Future Symposium on 28th November 2024 at Onomo Hotel Kampala.



Participants at the Post Summit for the Future Symposium posing for a group photo at Onomo Hotel on 28th November 2024

SDG LOCALIZATION GUIDELINES Retreat

The SDG Localization Guidelines 'retreat' took place from 26th -27th November 2024 and was facilitated by a team of resource persons from within the SDG coordination framework. The retreat was supported

by the Center for Conflict Resolution (CECORE). The retreat sessions were inclusive and participatory. Presentations, group work, and sharing of scenarios were used during the retreat.



Participants at the SDG Localization Retreat pose for a photo at Eureka Hotel Kampala on 27th November 2024

As a means of enhancing the localization efforts and capacities at the local level, the SDG Secretariat with partners has also developed the SDG Localization Guidelines. The guidelines serve as a roadmap, providing essential steps to secure the commitment of local leaders and actors in the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The guidelines encompass the establishment of structural arrangements at the District/ City, Subcounty/ Division and other lower local government levels,

raising awareness about the SDGs, advocacy for an enabling environment, effective service delivery, and collaborative multi-stakeholder frameworks for monitoring, documentation, and reporting. They are a valuable resource for a wide array of stakeholders, including national Ministries, Departments, and Agencies, Local Governments, the private sector, international organizations, civil society entities, academia, and all those engaged in implementing, monitoring, and reporting on the SDGs.

The 2024 Sustainable Development Transformation Forum (SDTF)

Uganda was represented at the 2024 Sustainable Development Transformation Forum (SDTF) in Incheon, South Korea organized by the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD).

The 2024 SDTF opened with a reflection on the outcomes of the Summit of the Future and the themes of the 2025 HLPF, framing the Forum within the current international framework and the latest scientific thinking.

The rest of the Forum consisted of several sessions covering the five levers suggested by 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) (read the



Participants pose for a group photo at Holiday Inn Songdo Incheon Korea on 1st November 2024



Uganda's Participant, Mr. Onesmus Kansime from the Office of the Prime Minister tells Uganda's SDG Journey at the 2024 SDTF on 2nd November 2024.

2023 GSDR via <https://sdgs.un.org/gsdr/gsdr2023>) matched with SDGs 3, 5, 8, 14, and 17 under the theme of 'Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one behind'. At the forum, Uganda told her SDG Journey.

Find all the materials for the event here; https://5wcmh.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/cl/f/shSMK1E8tHeGEmBF5yi1Robb8gQ6Ed/_rtefgcYx4dO

Read full SDTF 2024 report via; https://unosd.un.org/sites/unosd.un.org/files/sustainable_development_transformation_forum_substantive_report_clean_for_web.pdf

The 6th Uganda SDG Run

The 6th SDG Run, held on Sunday, December 1, 2024, at the Lugogo Cricket Oval Grounds, under the theme “Partnerships for the Goals,” marked a landmark event in Uganda’s journey toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 6th SDG Run, held on December 1, 2024, at the Lugogo Cricket Oval Grounds in Kampala, Uganda, is an annual flagship event to raise awareness and mobilize

action for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Since its inception in 2017, the SDG Run has emerged as a significant platform for uniting diverse stakeholders, including government agencies, private sector actors, development partners, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and communities, to champion sustainable development and environmental restoration.



Panelists at the SDG Run Launch Dinner while posing for a photo with the Rt Hon Lukia Isanga Nakadama third Deputy Prime Minister and Minister without portfolio on 10th November 2024.

Youth Go Green organizes the Run-in collaboration with the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) – SDG Secretariat and is supported by various partners committed to advancing Uganda’s sustainability agenda. It brings together participants from across the country and beyond to engage in impactful activities designed to inspire collective action toward achieving the SDGs. This highly anticipated

gathering brought together over 10,000 participants from diverse sectors, championing SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 15 (Life on Land), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). The event aimed to rally national and global attention to Uganda’s commitments to environmental restoration and sustainable development.



Rt Hon Rebecca Kadaga, first deputy Prime Minister and Minister for East African Affairs, while flagging off the runners at Lugogo Cricket Oval Grounds in Kampala on 1st December 2024.



Runners during the 6th SDG Run on 1st December 2024

Youth SDGs Symposium



Some of the Participants at the Youth SDGs Symposium pose for a photo at the Kyambogo University Auditorium on 21st December 2024

Organized by the Open Space Centre (OSC) as part of its Amplifying Localization of SDGs program, the Youth Symposium on SDGs, that took place on December 21, 2024, focused on connecting the global “Pact for the Future” with youth-led transformative actions. The panel discussions tackled; localization and implementation of the pact for the future where emphasis was put on the importance of integrating the Pact into local governance structures to ensure inclusive and actionable implementation; youth

representation where emphasis was put on the need for collaborative efforts to enhance the voice and influence of young leaders on the global stage and empowering African youth to address disparities in the implementation of the pact for the future; grassroots action in the implementation of the pact through transforming the Pact into community-based projects; and civil society contributions to the realization of the SDGs such as through bridging funding gaps, CSOs’ advocacy and grassroots

engagement that ensure a broader understanding and implementation of the Pact's objectives. The Youth Symposium underscored the potential of young people as key drivers of sustainable development.



Panelists at the Youth SDGs Symposium pose for a photo at the Kyambogo University Auditorium on 21st December 2024.

Girl Champions Awards

The 2024 National Girl Champion Awards (GCA) celebrated Uganda's unwavering commitment to empowering young girls and women. Held on October 10, 2024, at AHF Uganda Cares in Kampala, this annual event was organized by Kaleke Kasome Foundation in partnership with key stakeholders, and line ministries including the National SDG Secretariat in the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, the Uganda Parliamentary Forum for Children, AHF Uganda Cares, Pepsi, the Igoye Young Professional Mentorship Institute, ACFODE, Girls Must Uganda, Raising Teenagers Uganda, Together Alive Health

Initiative, the Uganda Youth Coalition for SDGs, Concern for the Girl Child, CICD- Uganda, Power To Youth, Wezesha Girls Network, Youth Chaperon Uganda, MEMPROW, Irise Institute East Africa, Amani Initiative, Dream Teens Uganda, Africa Youth Development Link (AYDL), Athari Media The Amity for Humanity and Dreams for Tropical Youth.

Under the theme "Increasing Opportunities for the Girl Child," the event spotlighted exceptional individuals and organizations championing girls' empowerment and creating transformative change in their communities.



In 2024, 24 outstanding girl champions were recognized for their innovative solutions to pressing social issues, demonstrating the potential of youth led change.

8 out of 12 categories were presented and these included, The Girl Champion of the Year, Girl Earth Award, Survivor Advocate Award, Girl Education Award, Unique Abilities Award, SRHR Girl Champion Award, Girl Innovation Award, The SDG Champion Award and the Media Girl Champion Award.



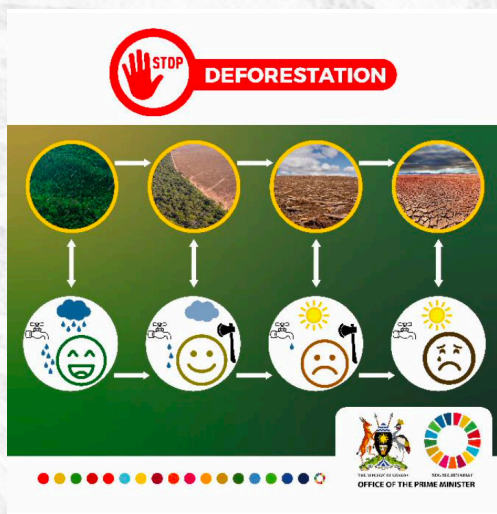
Hon. Balaam Barugahara, Minister for youth and children affairs, while opening the Girl Champions Awards awarding ceremony on 10th October 2024 at the AHF Uganda Cares in Kampala



Winners of the Girl Champions Awards pose for a group photo on 10th October 2024 at the GCA awarding ceremony at the AHF Uganda Cares offices in Kampala

BLOGS

SDG 15: Stop Deforestation: A Call to Action for Uganda's Sustainable Future



Deforestation has emerged as one of the most critical environmental challenges facing the world. The loss of forests not only depletes biodiversity but also exacerbates climate change impacts and threatens livelihoods, especially those in rural areas who depend on natural resources. This call is not just an environmental imperative, it is central to Uganda's commitments to sustainable development as outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Uganda's Vision 2040.

Forests provide vital services, such as carbon sequestration, water regulation, and erosion control. According to Uganda's Third National Voluntary Review (VNR) Report 2024, while the country



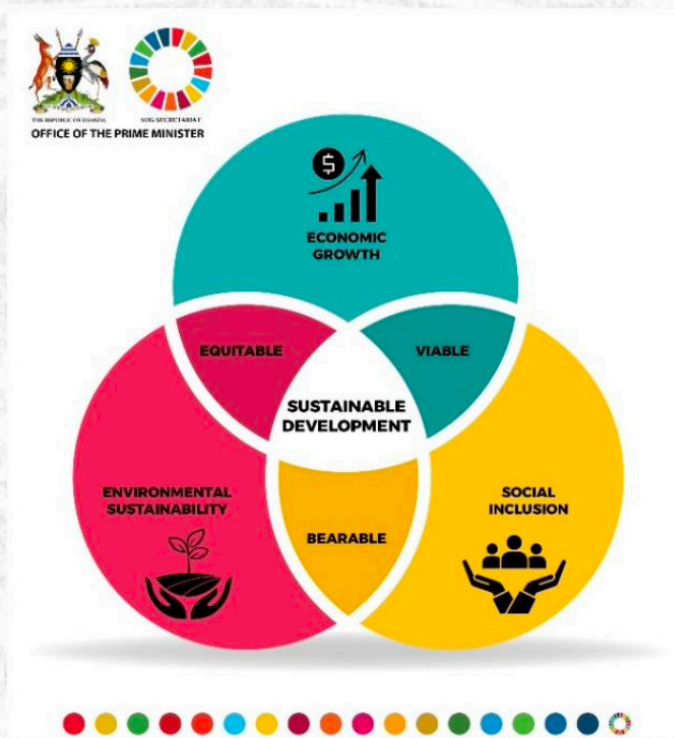
has made some progress in increasing forest cover from 9.5% in 2015 to 13.3%, there is still much work to be done to reach the target of 15% forest cover by 2026. This recovery is fragile, and continued deforestation could quickly reverse the gains made, leading to severe consequences for Uganda’s people

and environment.

Read more via;

<https://sdgs.opm.go.ug/2024/10/17/stop-deforestation-a-call-to-action-for-ugandas-sustainable-future/>

Sustainable Development is the perfect integration of three faces



Economic growth is a critical driver of innovation, poverty alleviation, and resource generation. However, growth alone cannot equate to sustainability if it depletes natural resources or widens social inequities.

True sustainable economic growth must embrace circular economic principles, where efficiency and the reduction of waste are paramount. For instance, investments in renewable energy and green technologies provide both economic opportunities and environmental benefits. Yet, achieving this requires systems thinking, a holistic approach that views the economy as an embedded subsystem of the planet’s finite ecological limits. Economic policies must prioritize inclusive prosperity, ensuring that no one is left behind while fostering innovation that respects planetary boundaries.

Sustainable development is a balanced framework that ensures the needs of the present generation are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own.

At the core of sustainable development lies the integration of its three dimensions: economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability. These “three faces” are not mere parallel goals but interdependent pillars that must operate in harmony to achieve sustainability in its truest sense.

Without the seamless integration of these dimensions, the pursuit of development becomes fragmented, inequitable, and ultimately unsustainable.



Read more via;

<https://sdgs.opm.go.ug/2025/01/10/sustainable-development-is-the-perfect-integration-of-three-faces/>

SDG 11: Smart and liveable cities will accelerate the Delivery of SDGs.

Today, smart urbanization is of great importance in the realization of the economic, environmental, and social goals of the United Nations.

Smart cities;

- help achieve Sustainable Development Goal 11, also known as the Urban SDG by providing the infrastructure and conditions for citizens to contribute to and benefit from a sustainable urban development.
- reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing electricity and heat production, and by reducing emissions in the transport sector.
- improve the quality of life for citizens by using smart technology to reduce costs, improve the environment, and enhance the quality of life.
- address social needs and ensure that housing and urban services are high-quality and affordable.
- cater for the needs of the vulnerable and those with disabilities.
- improve the efficiency of urban services and operations, and solve economic problems like inflation and rising energy costs.

Read more via;

<https://sdgs.opm.go.ug/2025/01/10/smart-and-liveable-cities-will-accelerate-the-delivery-of-sdgs/>

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Newsletter, covered the period from January to April 2024. This insightful publication offered an overview of the remarkable progress and key activities undertaken to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



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- Uganda's Participation at the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly and the Summit of the Future.
- The Prime Minister Rt Hon. Robinah Nabbanja wins the Global Inspirational Leadership Award.
- Uganda wins bid to host the eleventh session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development.
- Pre High Level Political Forum CSO Dialogue on Uganda's 2024 VNR Report
- SDG Localisation
- Uganda makes strides on Gender Equality and Inclusion: VNR Assessment Reveals Progress and Challenges
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The Rt Hon Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda Robinah Nabbanja receives an award at the Global Power Women Conference in New York



Uganda will host the 11th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-11) in April 2025. The Deputy Executive Secretary Mr. Antonio Pedro of the United Nations Economic Commission on Africa at the launch of the ARFSD-11 Preparatory Activities on 4th September 2024.





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